

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, May 14, 2008, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Michael Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	Ann Visalli (representing Jack Markell, State Treasurer)
Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer	

Absent: Joseph Wick, Kevin Coyle, and G. Ray Staats.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Cathy Mesick, Scott Blaier, Austin Short, Danielle Klosowski, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: William Denman, Esq., Mr. Mark Davis, Ms. Lisa Jones, Ms. Erin Moore, Mr. Rick L. McAllister, and Mr. Philip Tuthill.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting with prayer at 8:30 a.m.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 975 farms in preservation districts totaling 149,236 acres, with a total of 484 farms under agricultural easements totaling 85,040 acres at a cost of \$137,072,330. For PDR 13 there are a total of 114 farms comprising 11,575 acres with a value of \$65,311,852 to be considered for purchase of development rights. For PDR 14 there are a total of 51 farms comprising 4,330 acres with a value of \$61,814,052. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 28 farms comprising 2,265 acres. For PDR 14 for Forestland Preservation Areas there is a total of 24 Areas, comprising 2,131 acres.

II. Forestland Preservation Area Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Reconsideration of two Lee Forestland Preservation Areas into one (previous approval 4/9/08 meeting.) Combination of the Lee Forestland Preservation Area #2 and the Lee Forestland Preservation Area #3 into one, the Lee Forestland Preservation Area #2, with an ID# of F-S-08-01-193-028.

Michael McGrath explained why this combination is needed, because the one parcel is less than 10 acres. Discussion followed. After discussion, **Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. moved to accept the combination of the two forestland preservation areas into one, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Expansion eligibility & Final Approval:

1. L & K Hamilton Expansion of the Hayden-Gallo District, ID#K-08-02-062I. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the L & K Hamilton Expansion of the Hayden-Gallo District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Jesse Vanderwende Expansion of the Elmer-Wink Vanderwende District, ID#S-08-04-149H. After discussion, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Jesse Vanderwende Expansion of the Elmer-Wink Vanderwende District, seconded by Theodore P. Babola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. William Vanderwende excused himself from participation in the discussion and the voting on the Jesse Vanderwende Expansion of the Elmer-Wink Vanderwende District because of a conflict of interest.

3. Webb Expansion of the J. D. Gordy District, ID#S-08-02-221G. After discussion, **Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Webb Expansion of the J. D. Gordy District seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

Secretary Scuse waived his right of veto for the above expansions, and forestland preservation area.

V. Public Comments – No public comments were received.

IV. Minutes:

1. Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the April 9, 2008 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **William Vanderwende moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

V. Financial Highlights:

1. Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of April 30, 2008, \$28,200.21 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$111,321.10. We received \$739.46 revenue from rollback taxes and \$495.30 interest income. Expenditures for the month of April totaled \$8,535.16. After discussion, the Financial Report was approved by **Lyn Davenport, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Purchase of Development Rights – Round 13

Chairman Garey informed the Board that we would now start the process to announce the properties which would have development rights purchased. William Denman informed the Board they should go into Executive Session in order to review confidential appraisal information. Chairman Garey requested a motion to go into Executive Session. **Secretary Scuse moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Executive Session

The Executive Session began 8:50 a.m. with the above motion. The Executive Session ended 9:50 a.m. **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to end the Executive Session, seconded by Lyn Davenport.** At 9:50 a.m. the regular meeting resumed with a continuation of the Purchase of Development Rights Round 13.

VIII. Continuation of Purchase of Development Rights – Round 13

Discussion centered upon the purchase of development rights round 13. Chairman Garey asked for a motion concerning approval of the list of selected properties. **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept the Purchase of Development Rights Round 13 Selection List, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

IX. Other Business: - there were no other business matters to come before the Board.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on June 11, 2008 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Davenport
Secretary